

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota's farmers and ranchers provide the food, feed, fiber, and fuel that consumers depend on; and,

Whereas, Agriculture provides components of hundreds of other consumer products, including medicines, cosmetics and beauty aids, newspaper ink, paints, tires, and many more; and,

Whereas, One South Dakota producer raises enough food to feed 155 people in the United States and abroad; and,

Whereas, Production agriculture and ag-related industries employ over 115,000 South Dakotans; and,

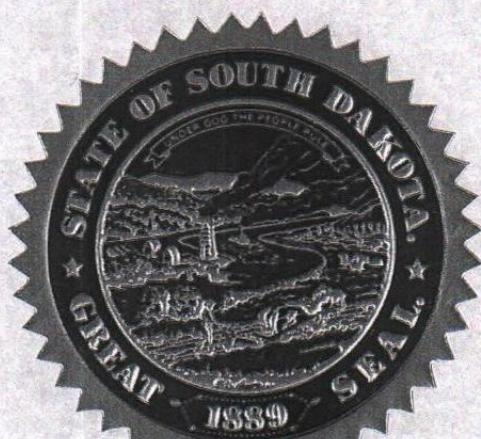
Whereas, South Dakota's more than 31,700 farms and ranches encompass more than 43 million acres; and,

Whereas, South Dakota ranks in the top ten states nationally in the production of corn, soybeans, wheat, hay, oats, sorghum, dry edible beans, flaxseed, honey, sheep, pigs, and cattle, and is also the nation's largest producer of bison and sunflowers; and,

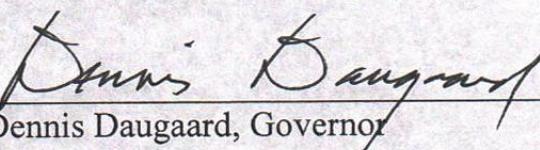
Whereas, Agriculture has a \$25.6 billion economic impact on South Dakota each year:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 13-19, 2016, as

NATIONAL AG WEEK IN SOUTH DAKOTA

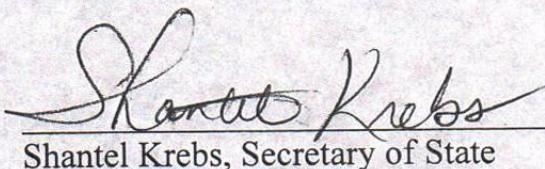


In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.



Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:



Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State